

as an expression of appreciation to the more than fifty thousand medical officers in Army, Navy, and Air Forces, whose ability and ministrations have made possible the excellent morbidity and mortality rates in World War II, and through whose care the lives of thousands of Americans have been saved.

Unless very good reasons arise for other action, the California Medical Association is holding that the A.M.A. Session will convene in San Francisco, some time during the year 1946.

Ap[ro]pos of the above, the C.M.A. Council at its 328th meeting on August 12 took action as indicated in the following minute of proceedings:
A.M.A. Meeting in San Francisco in 1948:

Discussion was had concerning the meeting of the American Medical Association which, by vote of the A.M.A. House of Delegates, is scheduled to be held in San Francisco some time during the year 1946. Because of war and transportation conditions, it was deemed advisable to give instructions to the C.M.A. delegates who would represent the California Medical Association at the next meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

On motion made and seconded, the following resolution, to be sent to the Trustees of the American Medical Association and to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, was approved:

WHEREAS, The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association in previous annual sessions voted to hold an annual session of the American Medical Association in San Francisco in the year 1943, that decision, because of transportation difficulties incident to World War II, being changed by the A.M.A. Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The A.M.A. House of Delegates subsequently voted that the 1946 annual session of the American Medical Association should be held in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Existing transportation difficulties, if war continues, make it more than probable that the A.M.A. Trustees may again be called upon to waive the said decision for the A.M.A. meeting in San Francisco in 1946; and

WHEREAS, The 1947 meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Atlantic City, the year 1947 being the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, It would be proper that the twice-made decision of the House of Delegates to hold an annual session of the American Medical Association in San Francisco be reaffirmed; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the California Medical Association respectively petitions the Trustees of the American Medical Association and the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association to vote to hold the 1948 annual session of the American Medical Association in the City of San Francisco, (if continuation of World War II makes a meeting in San Francisco in year 1946 impossible); and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the American Medical Association for transmittal respectively to the Trustees of the A.M.A. and the House of Delegates of the A.M.A.; and be it further

Resolved, That the eight delegates representing the California Medical Association in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association be instructed to make the proper presentation to the A.M.A. Trustees and to the A.M.A. House of Delegates.

And here the matter rests at date of this writing.

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California Medical Association Will Hold Its 75th Annual Session in Los Angeles in Year 1946.—At this year's annual session of the California Medical Association, held in May last, its House of Delegates accepted the Council's recommendation that next year's annual meetings be held in Los Angeles. Days of the conference (whether for a two, three or four day ses-

sion) will be decided by the Council at a later date. The dates of meetings will depend somewhat upon the time of meeting of the American Medical Association. The C.M.A. Council will aim to arrange the dates in a manner to promote the interests of the national as well as the state gatherings.

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In the meantime, members of the California Medical Association,—and this applies to members in military as well as those in civilian practice—are cordially invited to send suggestions of topics for scientific programs for C.M.A.'s thirteen scientific sections, or to submit to section officers, either through Section Secretaries, or through the Association Secretary (who is the chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work), titles of papers covering work or subjects in which they may have special interest. If such co-operation is given, assurance of good scientific programs may be guaranteed. The roster of officers of scientific sections, with addresses, appears in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, every second month or so, usually in the front section on page 4. Members who are in position to participate in next year's annual session program should write promptly to the Secretary of the proper Section.

In due time, additional information will be given concerning the A.M.A. and C.M.A. annual sessions of 1946.

ON POSTWAR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR MILITARY COLLEAGUES

Problems Confronting Military Colleagues on Their Return to Civil Practice.—Now that VE and VJ days have come and gone, many physicians who are among the 60,000 or so who are in service with the Armed Forces are giving serious thought to plans on what they will do when they are released from military duty.

Older physicians, nearly all of whom have family dependents and responsibilities will naturally wish to reestablish themselves as promptly as possible in either the community in which they practiced before entering the Army or Navy, or perhaps in some newer or more rapidly growing district. Of these, nearly all, provided adequate educational facilities are made conveniently available, would prefer to take short or longer refresher or similar courses dealing with medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and allied branches.

The four Class A medical schools of California—University of California Medical School, Stanford University School of Medicine, University of Southern California School of Medicine, and College of Medical Evangelists, have here a definite responsibility, since many of the 2,000 military members of the California Medical Association will instinctively turn first to these institutions to ask what postwar refresher or other courses are being offered, particularly for general practitioners. The hope is expressed that the executive boards of the four California Medical Schools will carry on conferences through which

plans will be put in operation that will permit a considerable choice of work.

Older military colleagues who may be thinking of limiting their professional work to one of the specialties will probably seek facilities for such training in Eastern Medical Centers.

For younger physicians, whose professional training as interns or residents may have been interrupted by induction into military service, the accredited and approved hospitals located in California and other States will probably present good opportunities for continuation of general or special training.

Physicians in military service who contemplate refresher, special, or other courses will find much information in the special numbers of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Index, Hospital, State Board and Educational numbers. Also, *J.A.M.A.* issue of July 7, 1945, on page 751).

In the *J.A.M.A.* issue of September 1, 1945, excellent articles of informative nature appear: Educational Facilities for Physician Veterans, p. 28; Plan in North Carolina, p. 33; Review and Refresher Courses, p. 34, and others. Valuable time will be saved through perusal of the up-to-date information therein presented. Medical officers who contemplate refresher, continuation, or courses in the specialties, or internships or residencies should not fail to secure a copy of this issue which, if not otherwise available, may be had for loan by writing to one or more of the three medical libraries in California, addresses of which are given on page 5 in the front section of each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Concerning the G. I. Bill of Rights in relation to medical officers, an excerpt from Dean Wilburt C. Davidson's article in *J.A.M.A.*, for September 1, 1945, on page 33, is here given:

All veterans, regardless of the age at which they entered the service and whether or not they had been in practice, are eligible under the G. I. Bill of Rights for a retraining course of one year at any institution approved by the Veterans Administration, which will pay fees to the institution up to \$500 per year and a subsistence allowance of \$50 monthly to the veteran; \$75 if he has a dependent. On completion of this one year course, veterans who entered the service under 25 years of age and those, regardless of age, who can show that their training was impeded or interrupted by their entrance into the service also are entitled to additional training of the same number of months they have been in the service. In other words, a medical officer who has been in the armed forces for thirty months and entered the service at the age of 25 years or, regardless of age, had been an intern or resident but had not completed his resident training is eligible for three and one-half years of postwar training, i.e., one year, plus thirty months.

The central office of the California Medical Association, 450 Sutter, San Francisco (8), will be happy to render possible service to C.M.A. members and others who seek additional information.

We have room in this country for but one flag, the Stars and Stripes. . . . We have room for but one loyalty, loyalty to the United States. . . . We have room for but one language, the English language.

—Theodore Roosevelt, *The Great Adventure*. Also last message to the American Defense Society, 3 January, 1919, two days before his death.

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS TO AID IN CARE OF NEEDY PHYSICIANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS: WHAT CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ARE DOING

C.M.A. Physicians' Benevolence Fund.—Again and again, worthwhile objectives must bide their time before getting a start on the road to real fulfillment. Of such may be mentioned endeavors to formulate plans for, and to set up actively working organizations, through which elderly physicians who have met with financial or other reverses could receive aid from members of their profession, thus making possible at least a partial alleviation in their distress and sufferings.

Over many years, the proceedings of constituted authorities of a goodly number of state and component county medical societies have outlined plans for benevolent purposes, but the well meant endeavors only too often have not gotten beyond the laudable resolutions dealing with the subject.

It is gratifying, therefore, to call attention to the progress that has been made during the last few years by the California and Los Angeles Medical Associations, in developing their own benevolent activities.

First, some comments may be in order concerning the "Physicians' Benevolence Fund of the California Medical Association" (referred to in C.M.A. Constitution under Article XI, Section 1, and in By-laws in Chapter V, Section 23). That C.M.A. fund on December 31, 1944, as per Treasurer's report in April, 1945 CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, p. 208, was credited with assets of \$13,945.38; and each year, as provided in the C.M.A. Constitution:

At least \$1.00 out of the annual dues paid by each member of the Association shall be allocated to the Physicians' Benevolence Fund and shall only be used for the purposes as set forth in the By-Laws.

At the 328th meeting of the C.M.A. Council, held on August 12, 1945, report was made by the C.M.A. Physicians' Benevolence Committee as follows:

C.M.A. Physicians' Benevolence Committee:

Councilor Axel E. Anderson, Chairman of the C.M.A. Physicians' Benevolence Committee, made report concerning the work of the committee, with special reference to the conditions in Los Angeles County, where some 93 individuals receive aid, more than one-half being widows of physicians. In Los Angeles, with the aid of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the monthly outlay is something like \$800. After discussion, the Council voted to approve the committee's recommendation that the allocation to Los Angeles County from the C.M.A. Benevolence Fund be increased from \$300 to \$500 per month.

Chairman Anderson also called attention to the campaign which had been inaugurated by the Los Angeles County Medical Association to build up an independent Benevolence Fund, stating that to date in that county the sum of \$150,000 had been secured for such objective, the campaign to raise a fund of \$500,000 for that county still going on.

The efforts to establish the Physicians' Benevolence Fund of the California Medical Association began in the annual session held at Del Monte, in May, 1939 (Resolution No. 11), being followed